

17 July 1963
Equipment Supply

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: H. R. 5171, A Bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to coordinate and otherwise provide for the economic and efficient purchase, lease, maintenance, operation, and utilization of electronic data processing equipment by Federal departments and agencies

H. R. 5171 is a bill which proposes to give to GSA coordination and control over acquisition and use of automatic data processing equipment. There is provision in the bill for delegations by the Administrator of GSA to other agencies for either acquisition or use, or both, of general categories of equipment, for special-purpose equipment, and for situations involving national security. I talked to the Acting General Counsel of GSA, Mr. Brewster, and to Mr. Ed Rouhana, who is handling the bill, and they assured me that they had no desire to tell other agencies how to do their business and that the delegation authorities were specifically for situations such as ours. They will handle this in their regulations which they will prepare if the bill is passed, and they will coordinate such regulations with us. They mentioned with gratitude that they had had the use of our 501 computer when theirs was not functioning.

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